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1 AN ACT Relating to nonjudicial days; and amending RCW 2.08.030,
2 3.30.040, 3.50.110, and 35.20.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.030 and 1971 ex.s. c 60 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The superior courts are courts of record, and shall be always open,
7 except on nonjudicial days. They shall hold their sessions at the
8 county seats of the several counties, respectively, and at such other
9 places within the county as are designated by the judge or judges
10 thereof with the approval of the chief justice of the supreme court of
11 this state and of the governing body of the county. They shall hold
12 regular and special sessions in the several counties of this state at
13 such times as may be prescribed by the judge or judges thereof.

14 For the purposes of this section, "nonjudicial days" includes, for
15 the superior court of a particular county, any paid holiday established
16 by ordinance or resolution of the county legislative authority that is
17 applicable to a majority of that county's employees.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.30.040 and 1984 c 258 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The district courts shall be open except on nonjudicial days.
4 Sessions of the court shall be held at such places as shall be provided
5 by the district court districting plan. The court shall sit as often
6 as business requires in each city of the district which provides
7 suitable courtroom facilities, to hear causes in which such city is the
8 plaintiff.

9 For the purposes of this section, "nonjudicial days" includes, for
10 the district court of a particular county, any paid holiday established
11 by ordinance or resolution of the county legislative authority that is
12 applicable to a majority of that county's employees.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 3.50.110 and 1984 c 258 s 114 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The municipal court shall be open and shall hold such regular and
16 special sessions as may be prescribed by the legislative body of the
17 city or town: PROVIDED, That the municipal court shall not be open on
18 nonjudicial days.

19 For the purposes of this section, "nonjudicial days" includes, for
20 the municipal court of a particular city or town, any paid holiday
21 established by ordinance of the city or town legislative authority that
22 is applicable to a majority of that city's or town's employees.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.20.020 and 1965 c 7 s 35.20.020 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 The municipal court shall be always open except on nonjudicial
26 days. It shall hold regular and special sessions at such times as may
27 be prescribed by the judges thereof. The judges shall have the power
28 to act as magistrates in accordance with the provisions of chapter
29 10.16 RCW. The legislative body of the city may by ordinance authorize
30 a department of the municipal court to act as a night court, and shall
31 appropriate the necessary funds therefor.

32 For the purposes of this section, "nonjudicial days" includes any
33 paid holiday established by ordinance of the legislative body of the
34 city that is applicable to a majority of the city's employees.

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